powder-boxes, shaving-boxes, mugs, imported extracts and colognes, you will most APTHE CIRCULATION OF THE DISPATCH assuredly be gratified by Mr. Wagner's IS LARGER THAN THE COMBINED CIRCUpleasant manners and agreeable conserva-LATION OF ALL THE OTHER DAILY NEWS-PAPERS OF THE CITY.

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#### WEATHER REPORT.

INDICATIONS FOR TO-DAY .- For the Middle Atlantic States, cooler followed by warmer, clear, followed by cloudy or partly cloudy weather, rising followed by stationary or falling barometer, and northeast to south-

THE WEATHER YESTERDAY Was cloudy, raw, and threatening. At night it was cold, rainy, and disagreeable.

THERMOVETER YESTERDAY: 6 A. M., 40: A. M., 40; noon, 45; 3 P. M., 43; 6 P. do with your handsome Adonis, the rosy-M., 41; midnight, 40. Mean temperature, 42.

## BUSY BUYERS.

Gally in Search of Christmas Presents.

A PHILANTHROPIC RESOLUTION TO HELP THEM OUT-CARRIED BY A LARGE MA-JORITY-IT OPERATES TO SHOW WHERE YOU CAN BUY PRESENTS FOR YOUR "SIS-TEES, AND YOUR COUSINS, AND YOUR AUNTS "-NOTES FOR FESTIVE SHOPPERS.

"Know all men by these presents," that Christmas is close at hand. These presents, rings, and other handsome jewelry, togeththese Christmas presents-everybody is er with silver-plated ware just suited for looking for them, and if there be those who presents. Pay them a visit if only to see do not get them it will certainly not be from want of their abundance or low prices. But, however, should there be some who fait to realize their anticipations, let them be consoled with the decision of all debating societies—that anticipation of plea- which are amongst the very best of testisure affords more satisfaction than its pos- more temporary works of fancy. Then session. This is unquestionably the best come the children's books and toys, the that can be made of the satisfaction! Let fancy articles, steel-engravings, shell goods, us hope, nevertheless, that few will be driven to this recourse.

But presents will be like irrigating streams in the fields and gardens; they will diffuse brightness and bloom throughout and birthday-cards. West-Johnston-&-Co.society. The dear young people will be ward the star of empire takes its way. eestatic, and by a beneficent dispensation of Providence the old people live over their childhead's days through the gay and fes- the food for so much thought and pleasant tive little ones. This is one of the happiest reflection-is made. It is here that Whitthings in all domestic life, and makes Christmas a day invaluable to mankind.

It would seem that our people have heed- therefore for Christmas presents. ed our oft-repeated injunction to prepare for the joyous festival, and the streets are West":

But the genus of Whitlock is never at rest. He first makes a "Model," then "Peach" and "Key West": filled from early morn till late of evenings all charming cigars—the pride of St. Nich.:
But, bless you, he beats them with his last, the "Pic-Nic." handsome and homely, lovely and "sweet," and all who go to make up the throng of surely suit you. He is offering special inbusy buyers. We have been with them, ducements in the way of boliday goods. and noted their looks of admiration comthere might be other things more to their now rules over two toydoms of respectable taste than the lovely article in question. dimensions and gay appearance. We call physique and voice, and may be regarded mingled with anxiety and solicitude, lest ade has been branching out of late, and Then a silent admonition probably comes to them in shape of the old maxim that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." and this, with the thought that some lynxeyed person is just waiting to pounce upon elsewhere, divides the minds of the busy Harrold is ready for you. present-seekers between perplexities and pleasurable excitement. Stimulated, therefore, by a spirit of philanthropy, we once more betake ourselves to the pleasant task of pointing out to whom you may go and purchase holiday "sans peur et sans re-

proche." A. Pizzini, Jr., 807 Broad street.-We ful roaring-stop! no. We are getting have been a long time coming to this the prince of confectioners, haven't we, boys? Yes, we have; but it has been our custom always to save some of the best for the last; and then, too, we were in this case only awaiting the arrival of his Gracious Majesty Santa Chaus. Well, he has come, and reigns supreme at Pizzint's, with a bountiful supply of Christmas joys for old and young. This handsome store has been transformed into his palace, whence he is prepared to dispense his favors to all good and obedient children. He has everything good in the way of French and American candies and cakes. Tuere are bon-bons, raisins, currants, shelled almonds, citron, chocolatedrops and caramels, and soft marshmallowdrops, in such quantities that one would imagine all the goodies and sweets of the

country had been concentrated here. real enroest. Go and see him, and don't with them, and the hands of beauty and forget to look at those beautiful boxes, so

suitable for presents. W. D. BLAIR & Co., 1109 Main street-A house of "ye olden time," remodelled so as to admit the material improvements of this "go-ahead" age, and yet retaining all its pristine integrity and bonesty of dealing. Their spacious and handsome new store, to which they moved during the past summer, and where they do a fine wholesale and retail business, is now teeming with an abundant supply of goods for the Christmas times. We see you dodging, dear reader, but be not afraid. We don't intend to make any pun on "B Select" this time. We will only mention confidentially that it is "a fine auld stuff," and will make you happy and sprightly, and even witty in spite of yourself. "Be gorry, y'er right; 'tis an angel spoke," says the Hon. Mr. Cushing, from Killarney. But if you prefer something else, why just look over the long catalogue of spirited liquids and stock of almonds, raisins, citron, currants, and other groceries which are kept by the renowned house of W. D. Blair & Co. So if you are fixing up for Christmas, you can have this stock tapped for your gratification, and you

W. D. B. & C .- Wont do badly and cuss. THOMAS R. PRICE & Co., 1101 Main street. Another good old name of long standing, and noted for honesty and integrity in the community. But it is a name most paradoxical; for while there is nothing low about them, the PRICES are all' low at this called upon to perform. He was of obscure their "second grand show." Just you examine their holiday goods, consisting of origin, was far from prepossessing in his newest styles silk handkerchiefs, Russia goods, fancy articles, gentlemen's kid-, castor-, and fur-gloves, and dress goods. You can rely on the prices and what they

tell vou. DANFORTH & Co., 612 east Marshall street. Here we have another house of comfort for the inner man, which speak most eloquently to all ranks and conditions of life. They have raisins, currents, citron, gelatine, prunes, and groceries generally for the prudent housewife. Wines, liquors, and eigars of his office. His private life was uneventfor the gay and festive lads, and pickels for ful, and his world-wide notoriety is mainly the ancient malden ladies. This young due to the fame of the criminals upon whom firm of Danforth & Co. makes its debut be- he inflicted the death-penalty. Reynolds, foreyou this Christmas, and speaks to one the author of "The Court of London," and all with an impartiality worthy of ma-turer age, and with an evident desire of which Calcraft and his daughters figured, giving satisfaction, which should meet en- and the principal executions of the former

pon Christmas presents. Give bim a call

serving-some capabilities and charms to

win fortune and the kind regards of beau-

ty ; and, with a flourish of his cane, he sets

out, full of hope, backbone, and vanity, to

do great things-a more resolute and enter-

prising individual than he had been. So,

isn't the draper a benefactor to his race?

Latouche is a master of his trade, and can

give grace to a man of awkward figure,

purple hair, and red eyes. What can he not

checked youth who is in love with himself?

He is a man who can make you a holiday-

GODDARD & MOSES, 914 Main street-An

old bucket with a new boop. Yes, the

quiet and unpretending but honest and en-

ergetic jeweller, Mr. Goddard, bas formed a

happy co-partnership with young Mr. Moses, and they are offering quite a hand-

some stock of Christmas and New-Year's

presents to the busy buyers. Their energy

and enterprising spirit could not be content

with Christmas, but must needs prepare

for New Year's also. It is well worth your

while taking a look at their endless va-

ricty of clocks and silver watches. Their

iron clocks in imitation of marble are very

stylish, cheap, and durable. Moreover,

they have soltaire and cluster diamond

their new store, and be waited on by these

WEST, JOHNSTON & Co., Main near Ninth.

A house of high standing and great worth,

where may be found elegant volumes of

choice literature; standard classical works,

papers and beautiful Christmas-, New-Year-,

P. WHITLOCK, 1445 Main street.-Ah

choicest "model" of the grateful weed-

lock turns out his choice "Prima Donna,"

Little Flora," and other brands so deli-

cious in flavor to smokers, and suitable

Whitlock is a man of enterprise and will

ROBERT HARROLD, 817 Broad and 909

him veteran of the toy trade; and true, since

he has for three generations gladdened, sur-

prised, and felicitated the children. The

toys do things for him that they do for no-

spring at his every touch. He should be a

happy man, for the children think the

world of him. Come in, little children, Mr.

CHARLES H. PAGE, 1905 Cary street .- We

have turned to another page of our Christ-

mas note-book, and find that this Page

speaks of "roaring fires for Christmas

cheer," and "it is a good word"; turn it

any way you will, it is all the same-cheerful

Christmas fires roaring, or Christmas cheer-

mixed; that last won't do. We shall be

content with the "third degree" and call

the P. Q .- previous question. At any rate,

Page has the coal and wood that will make

the fires crackle, and brighten the happy

festive fuel is indeed warming up towards

TOLER & HOOPER, adjoining Hollywood .-

Of course flowers must deck the occasion.

We cannot do without them. They are the

the rarest, which may be ordered by tele-

J. B. WATKINS, 805 Main street, is an

other who would offer the means whereby

to avert the nerceness of the coming polar-

wave (if it does come). He has all kinds of

coal and sawed, split, and long wood. 'Say

the word, and Watkins will supply your for

Christmas, and New Year's, too, for that

AMENDE HONORABLE.-In a former no-

tice of George Schoen's, the corner-store-

in fact, we might even say" cornucopia

and Christmas smokers-we spoke of his

supply of domestic to the exclusion of im-

ported eigars. We certainly inteded to say

imported and domestic, and doubtless

others who are acquainted with the excel-

lence of the store "understood" that as

We now close these notices of our last

day's round, dear reader, baying but one

more chapter in store for your edification.

The time yet remaining before the great

festival is short, but we have some few

things of importance yet to tell you, and

CALCRAFT, THE HANGMAN OF ENGLAND,

whose death has been aunounced by cable,

held the office of public executioner for for-

ty-six years, and had the reputation of be-

ing proud of his skill in the work he was

personal appearance, and was somewhat deformed, although he possessed great

strength. He conducted bimself in such a

quiet and unostentatious manner as to be

his executions in as private a way and

with as little ceremony as possible,

and his conduct in this respect was at-

tributed to his fear of the people, who he

believed hated and despised him on account

considered by the English populace mysterious." He went to and from

then we will have done. So au revoir.

we did.

W. S. PILCHER, 817 Main street .- The

mortals who gather 'round them.

for the cooking line in Christmas.

ful roaring fires, or fires Christmas cheer-

body else. His hand is magical, and they

Main street. - This veteran of the

courteous gentlemen.

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# LOCAL MATTERS.

on your Christmas rounds, and if you are o hard to please that you cannot be suited THE FIRE LAST NIGHT .- Between 12 and from his fresh stock of faney and toilet aro'clock last night a bright light was seen, ticles, such as brushes, combs, hand-glasses, apparently from a fire on Cary street, in the vicinity of the Danville depot. A genman came into the Dispatch office and asked how it was that no alarm had been given. The bright light was shining upon the side of the Gallego Mills, and several persons JOHN LATOUCHE, No. 4 Tenth street .- It near the corner of Twelfth and Main streets is no extravagant idea that makes the tailor thought that a serious fire was in progress; an improver of the babits of men in a so an alarm was turned in at Station 13 moral as well as a physical sense. Your which proved to have been unnecessary, as well-dressed man is perforce a circumspect the fire was a long way off, and was the man unless he is a hopeless scapegrace. His burning of a large two-story frame buildfear of soiling his new clothes is the outing at the granite sheds, opposite Rocketts, ward reflection of his jealous regard for his reputation. He has something worth pre-

which was consumed. The first story was used as a carpentershop, and the second as an office. There were two safes in the building filled with the company's papers, which were also destroyed, together with the contents. When the fire was first discovered the whole, inside of the building was in flames. It originated from the fire which had been left in

the stove in the afternoon. In case some of our friends in the Fire Department may consider the turning in of he alarm at Station 13 a good joke on the Dispatch reporters, it may as well be stated that a joke may be had at the expense of some one else, as one of the Assistant Engincers, who chanced to be up town, saw the fire some ten minutes before the alarm was turned in, ran to the Tenth-street hosebouse, roused that company, and hurried down to Fourteenth street, thinking a conflagration was progressing in that neighbor-

A RAILROAD FROM SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA TO RICHMOND .- In the Senate yesterday Mr. Fulkerson presented a bill to incorporate he Richmond and Southwestern Railroad Company. The incorporators are William Amory, Jr., Walter M. Sweet, Parker C. bandler, William Frazier. Francis H. Manning, Otis Kimball, and Edward C. El-It is proposed to expend \$50,000,000 in Virginia in the construction of a railway from the Southweast to the seacoast, and in developing the mineral and other resources f the southwestern portion of the State. It is proposed to construct the road from any point the company may select on the southeastern boundary line of the State of Kentucky to the city of Richmond, and through said city to such point as may be

selected at tide-water in the State. This enterprise is to be under the auspices of Boston capitalists exclusively. The capital stock is to be \$1,000.000, with silver-stand-, pearl and gilt ornaments, Rusauthority to increase the same by \$30,000 a sia-leather goods, writing-desks and workpile for each mile of double-track and boxes, and silk-lined willow baskets, to-\$15,000 for each mile of single track railgether with the latest styles of writingroad which the company shall build in this mining and manufacturing is their principal purpose.

There is a kindred measure before the gentlemen, here is the factory where the Senate to incorporate the United States Commercial Company, in which the same had assured him that Mr. Mays had rencorporators are interested. This company is authorized to do pretty rauch anyhing they choose.

The railroad bill is before the Committee on Roads, and the omnibus bill before the Committee on General Laws.

MISS HERNDON AT THE THEATRE .- A fine audience greeted Miss Agnes Herndon and her excellent company at the Theatre last evening in Bartley Campbell's enjoyable society comedy-drama, "Fate; or, A True Woman." Miss Herndon, as Helen Faraday, assumed the leading rôle. She acted part cleverly and with a great deal of Miss Herndon is no stranger here, Her acting last night was frequently applauded, and at the close of each act she

was called before the curtain. The company, on the whole, was up to the standard. Miss Marion Darcy as "Juno Temple played the "adventures" very well, while

Miss Josie Loame as "Sally Ann Wadbroken-down showman, convulsed the au- poned. dience with laughter. The rest of the company were: Mr. Charles Abbott as "Frank Farraday," Mr. Leonard Outram as "Da-Paulding, the wronged husband"; Mr. W. H. Portello as "Uncle Derwent," Mr. D. Van Deven as "Loomis Law-Lucky," and Mr. Felix Murphy as "Joe Plummer"-all of whom acted well.

To-night Fate will be repeated, and Miss flerndon richly deserves a good audience.

CASE CONTINUED .- The case of William Campbell, a youth about thirteen years of age, who was arrested by Officer Tomlinson Wednesday for cutting Patrick Lane with a knife during a fight, was before the Police the "latter end." We only wish, in an-Court yesterday, and was continued until ticipation of the polar wave, which it seems next Monday in the absence of Lane, who is upon us, to point out the wherewith for was prevented from attending court on acwarmth within while the northern blasts count of the condition of his wound. howl without. Pilcher has coals that have Campbell was bailed for his appearance as much beat in them as any to be found in Monday. The only witness to the affair this world, and besides oak and pine wood was a small boy twelve years of age, named Taliaferro. From the facts in the case it ford county. seems that Lane struck Campbell first for lovely media of affection and all the most refined feelings. Christmas must be crowned stantly drew it across the face of Lane, in- to the House of Delegates. flicting a severe gash in his cheek about one and a half inches long. The wound was altar. Toler & Hooper have the richest and sewed up by a physician.

> ELECTION OF TEMPERANCE OFFICERS. At a regular meeting of Fidelity Division, No. 1 (colored), Sons of Temperance, held last Wednesday night, the following officers | pliment. were elected for the ensuing quarter-viz. : Robert McNaughton, W. P.; H. Nelson Graham, W. A.; Robert B. Evans (re-elected), R. S.; W. H. L. Combs, A. R. S.; W. Isaac Johnson, F. S.; Moses Taylor, T.; Lewis Dickerson, Sr., Cn.; A. E. Graham, C.; Alaxander Smith, A. C.; James Lewis, 1. S.; George Powders, O. S.; Rich-

ard Adams, P. W. P. At a regular meeting of Society Greeting Division, No. 44 (colored), at Woodville, the following were elected officers for the ensuing term : George B. Robinson, W. P. ; M. F. Brown, W. A.; F. Evans, R. S.; M. A. Johnson, A. R. S.; R. A. Jordan, F. S.; Rev. C. C. Feggins, T.; L. Winston, Ch.; Lucy Levell, C.; E. Jinkins, A. C.; C. H. Cooper, I. S.; Lewis Levell, O. S.; R. A. Jordan, P. W. P.

PYTHIAN ELECTION OF OFFICERS.-Last following officers were elected : A. D. Jenkins, C. C.; J. A. Cosby, V. C.; W. R. Hall, P.; William H. Bailie, K. of R. and S. fourteenth term); W. J. McDowell, M. of F. (fourteenth term); L. R. Barnes, M. of

Lodge. The Grand Lodge will meet in the city of Lynchburg on the second Tuesday in February. This session will be one of great interest. The four uniformed divisions of the State will be there.

GEORGE WASHINGTON COOK. - The House vesterday granted indefinite leave of absence to G. W. Cook, their colored doorkeeper, whose physical infirmities are such as to prevent him from discharging his duties. It is expected that before long he will resign. The House authorized the appointment of a deorkeeper pro tem. from this time to the 20th. The Speaker gave the pince to Mr. Pumpbrey.

streets, who keeps drugs from the most subjects, but most especially (at this time)

streets, who keeps drugs from the superlative of sweetness, has a word or two to say upon Christmas poor thought, a sallor is not a sallor when he is a sallor when h ACCIDENTAL DROWNING .- Coroner Tay-

#### A SUDDEN HALT.

terday. TROUBLE IN THE RANKS OF THE READ-JUSTERS-THE NOMINEE FOR BLAND AND GILES NOT ALTOGETHER SATISFACTORY TO THE SENATOR FROM THAT DIS-TRICT-CHARGES AGAINST THE MAN SE-LECTED FOR JUDGE OF BUTETOURT COUNTY-A SAD MUDDLE-A HALT CALL-ED, AND THE JOINT ORDER POSTPONED UNTIL TO-DAY-READJUSTERS' CAUCUS LAST NIGHT.

The work of electing county judges was prought to a sudden halt yesterday. In the enate Mr. French asked for further time n the matter of electing a judge for Bland and Giles. He wished to go home and see his constituents before recording his vote for the cancus nominee-Robert Wylieover Judge Easly. The leaders of the Readjusters objected to delay. As Mr. Paul said at the Ballard-House caucus, "delays are dangerous." After a short and spirited debate the election of judge for Bland and Giles was postponed, along with several other counties for which the Readjusters bave not yet made nominations. This was the first break in the Readjusters' ranks.

lu the House the election of judge for

Bedford was postponed, on motion of Mr.

Frazier, until January 13th. A similar re-

solution in relation to Botetourt county, offered by Mr. Chamberlayne, was voted down by the Readjusters. The House, after exchanging the usual messages with the Senate, proceeded with the Botetourt election. Mr. Linkenhoker, of that county. porhinated the choice of his party's caucus, R. F. Mays. Mr. Echols nominated Judge simmons, the present incumbent. After referring to a petition from the people of Botetourt, signed by Mr. Mays among others, and showing that there was no arthly reason for complaint against Judge Simmons, he alluded to a charge be and heard against Mr. Mays. The offence, if as alleged (Mr. Echols knew nothing about it personally), was such as to filling a place on the bench. In the discussion that followed it appeared that Mr. Echols had received his information mainly, f not altogether, from Mr. Bailey, a leading Readjuster. Mr. Echols had heard rumors, and approached Mr. Bailey and asked questions, which the latter answered. On the sired the member from Augusta to say that floor of the House Mr. Bailey declared be [Mr. Echots] had not gotten his inforthat he had not voted for Mr. Mays mation from him [Mr. BAILEY]. in caucua, and would not support him in the House. His objection to volunteered no information; had only anor other States. The projectors claim that Mr. Mays was not a personal matter. Mr. swered questions put to him on vesterday-Bailey was understood as saying that he did not bring charges against Mr. Mays in caucus because Mr. Linkenhoker, the member from Botetourt-also a Readjusterorder and confusion, and were tumbling about loosely; from which condition they only relieved themselves by postponing the Botetourt election until to-day, and later, to reform their lines, they adopted the Senate resolution postponing the further execution of the whole joint order-election of judges-until to-day The proceedings in detail were as fol-

### Senate.

A LITTLE SPLIT, AND HOW IT WAS HEALED. The hour having arrived for the election of judges, and the caucus last n " passed by" certain counties, Mr. FULKERson presented a joint resolution postponing as the possessor of much dramatic talent. the election of judges for Bedford, Campbell, Carroll, Charlotte, and Chesterfield. Mr. FRENCH, of Giles, moved to amend

Mr. Fulkerson's resolution by also postponing the election for Bland and Giles counties. Mr. LEECE expressed surprise at the mo-

tion [nominations for these counties having been made in caucus], and asked Mr. dles," and Mr. Mack as "M. T. Blaze," a FRENCH why he wanted the election post-Mr. FRENCH explained that he wanted to

go home and consult his people during the hulidaya The vote was taken and resulted on division-ayes, 17; noes, 13. The CHAIR decided that the motion had

been adopted. Mr. RIDDLEBERGER demanded the ayes and noes, which were ordered, and result-

ed in the adoption of the motion of Mr. FRENCH by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs, Atkinson, Boush, Eskridge, Finney, French, Henry, Hurt, Koiner, Loveit, Matthew, Marray, Smith of Nelson, Smith of Alexandria, Strother, Willcox, and Wingfleld—16.

NOZS.—Messrs, Biles, Davis, Ellott, Fulkerson, James, Lecce, Macon, Mayo, Norton, Paul, Riddleberger, Sperrard, Stovall of Halifax, Williams, and Wood—15. Mr. FULKERSON moved to reconsider the

vote by which Mr. FRENCH's motion had been adopted. At this point Mr. FRAZIER, from the House; reported a resolution that the House

had postponed the election of judge in Bed-

This last resolution was agreed to, and the fact of its adoption, as well as the adopassisting other boys in "branding" his the fact of its adoption, as well as the adoption of Mr. Fulkerson's resolution with a pocket-knife in his hand at the time, in- Mr. FRENCH's amendment, communicated

ELECTION OF JUDGES. For judge of Botetourt Mr. SHERRARD justice to Mr. Mays. nominated Robert F. Mays. Mr. HENRY nominated W. G. Simmons, present incumbent. Mr. DANIEL seconded the nomination, and paid Judge Simmons a handsome com-

After waiting for half an hour for the House, a message was received by Mr. LADY, announcing the postponement of the election of a judge for Botetourt county until Saturday.

The resolution was concurred in. ANOTHER BOMB.

Mr. RIDDLEBERGER now presented a joint esolution postponing the further execution of the joint order until 122 o'clock tomorrow [in order that the Readjusters may | could, come before the caucus to-night [last go into caucus .- Reporter].

Mr. MATTHEW inquired whether the House had not already broken up the joint in' the Conservative caucus and bring the order by its action. Mr. RIDDLEBERGER said that he didu't know; and if he did know what had gone

on in the House it would not be proper to mention it here. A considerable parliamentary debate followed.

night, at a regular meeting of Marshall Mr. Riddleberger's resolution was agreed Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, the to, and he communicated the passage of the resolution to the House.

#### House. Senator RIDDLEBERGER informed the

House that the Senate had passed, a joint E.; William H. Bailie, Rep. to Grand resolution to expedite the counting of votes for judges. The House concurred in the resolution. BEDFORD.

Mr. FRAZIER offered a ic int resolution postponing the election of judge of this county until the 13th of January. Adopted.

Mr. Frazier was ordered to inform the Senate.

Mr. CHAMBERLAYNE offered a resolution for the postpone,ment of the election of udge of Boteto'art county until January Rejected on division-aves, 24: noes, 48.

Mr. CHAMBERLAYNE demanded the ayes and noes-recorded vote. The demand was not sustained. COMMITTEE ON TREASURY.

LING appointed in his stead.

DISPATCH

A DISCREPANCY. Senator Fulkerson was at nounced with a No Election of County J. dges Yesmessage from the Senate. He stated that the Senate had passed a joint resolution for the postponement of the execution of the joint order as far as it relates to Bedford, Camp-

> Chesterfield. Mr. FULKERSON banded the resolution to

The Clerk read it. It related simply to is a forgery; that if it is, the the postponement of the election of judge for Bedford.

discrepancy between the language of the resolution and the statement of the Senator. Mr. HANGER said that the House would have to go by the record-the resolution. Mr. FULKERSON, with the permission of the House, stated that the Clerk of the Sen-

ate had given him the wrong resolution. He would go back and get the right onewhich he did. A STORM RAISED. For judge of Botetourt county Mr. LIN-

ENHORER nominated Mr. Robert F. Mays. Mr. Ecnols nominated the present incumbent, W. B. Simmons. From the information furnished him Mr. Echous did not believe that Mr. Mays was the proper man for judge. Mr. ECHOLS did not name the offence al-

leged against Mr. Mays, more than to say t was a grave one, and that he knew nothing about it personally; but that his information came from a reliable, responsible source-a gentleman now in the city. Mr. ECHOLS regretted that this unpleasant dut devolved upon him, but it was one which his obligations to the State and his regard for the people of Botetourt required to be

Mr. LINKENHOKER said be would take the responsibility of representing the county of Botetourt. Mr. FARR asked Mr. Echols to state what

were the objections to Mr. Mays. Mr. Echols said gentlemen near Mr FARR could better inform him. Mr. FRAZIER said that when he brough charges of drunkenness on the bench against a judge and signed his name to them the gentleman from Augusta [Mr.

ECHOLS] would not vote to pass by the elecmake it very undesirable to have Mr. Mays tion for an investigation. Mr. FRAZIER did not like this way of springing vague charges against a candidate. Mr. LINKENHOKER gave Mr. Mays a good character as a lawyer and citizen. Mr. BAILEY (Readjuster), having had some unpleasantness with Mr. Mays, de-

Mr. Echous replied that Mr. BAILEY had

Mr. Echous having first heard of the matter from another. Mr. BAILEY said: After the remarks of

the gentleman from Augusta, I feel that I would be false to myself as a gentleman did formed. The Readjusters got into sad dis- I not now say something in regard to this nomination. I will not for one moment rest under the reflection that I am concealing from this House anything to which it is justly entitled as to any man or set of men. I have simply to say that I have no charges to bring against Mr. Mays, nor do intend to bring any. I was first seen about this matter by the gentleman from Augusta. I told him in answer to a direct question that I did not intend to vote for Mr. Mays, nor did I vote for him in caucus. I had forgotten that I had the knowledge of anything to the detriment of Mr. Mays. I am forced to say now that professional business, in regard to a matter in the Circuit Court of Botetourt, in my judgment only reflected upon Mr. Mays, and would govern my action. I did not intend to vote for him or against him, but wa entirely willing to let Mr. Mays be elected judge of Botetourt county under the recommendation of the gentleman from Botetourt. Gentlemen on my right say I should have brought this matter up in caucus. In reply to this I will state that I did not desire to prefer charges against Mr. Mays, but did take the precaution to inform the gentleman from Botetourt that I had been approached on this subject (as well as other

gentlemen) and cautioned about it before he Mr. Lady insisted that nothing tangible had been brought against Mr. Mays, and

that he should be elected. Mr. Moffett appealed to the member from Botetourt [Mr. LINKENHOKEE] to consent to a postponement, believing that the public interests involved and justice to Mr. Mays required that that gentleman should have an opportunity to refute the charges brought against him.

Mr. LINKENHOKER thought it unfair that vague charges should be brought against Mr. Mays in this way. Why is not the evidence here? Everybody in Botetourt knew that Mr. Mays was a candidate for judge.

Mr. BAILEY, explaining his own position, concluded by saying that no caucus, no party, no man-no matter who-could make him do an act which the Secret Monitor tells him is not right. [Great applause from members.]

Mr. FARR thought that great injustice had been done Mr. Mays in the charges brought in this roundabout manner. There never was a charge brought against Mr. Mays in caucus. Not a word was uttered against him. He lavored postponement in

Mr. FRAZIER urged a postponement and an investigation, and challenged Mr. Echols o come forward and put his enarges in writing and prove them. Mr. Echons replied that as he was not a

member of their caucus he would direct the member where he could obtain all the information be wanted-namely, from the gentleman from Washington, Mr. BAILEY. The House agreed to postpone the elecion until to-day.

Mr. Wilkinson protested that the time allowed was not sufficient for an investigation. He thought the election should be deferred until January 13th.

Mr. FRAZIER said that all the gentlemer who rad made the charges were here, and Yar. Gisson asked Mr. Frazien to come

Fentleman from Washington with him, and If the candidate is vindicated they would support him. [Laughter.]

Mesers. Frazier and Bailey declined. The postponement is only until to-day. BLAND AND GILES. The Senate resolution for the postpone-

ment of election of judges for certain counties was taken up. Mr. Moffert moved that the counties of Bland and Giles be struck out, so that the two houses could go on with the election of that judge, as first arranged.

The subject was under discussion and in great tangle-the Readjusters differing widely-when a resolution came from the Senate postponing the execution of the entire joint order until to-day (so that they may in the mean time caucus]. The resolution was agreed to by the

Readjusters' Caucus Last Night. At the Regaljusters' caucus last night the matter of most interest was the Botetourt judgeship. The great question was whether or not Mr. Mays, their nominee, was a fit and proper man to be supported by them after the statement of Mr. Bailey in the

Mr. Bailey was present, and told all he knew about the matter. The charge is that Mr. Mays altered a promissory note, which had been in his hands for collection, into a sealed instru-The SPEAKER appointed the following ment and got judgment on it, whereas it

Mr. PAYNE was excused, and Mr. STRIB- close examination and cross-examination in which Mr. Frazier was prominent as friend of the accused.

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THE DEFENCE. Friends of Mr. Mays last night declared

that the examination of Mr. Builey established nothing to the disadvantage of Mr. Mays. They further assert that Mr. Bailey bell, Carroll, Bland, Giles, Charlotte, and knows nothing of his own knowledge; that he refused to give them the name of his informant; that it is by no means certain that the addition of the seal to the note note passed through six men's hands, and it is not likely it would have been altered by Mr. Chamberlayne called attention to the Mr. Mays-who was not interested in itto the detriment of his father-in-law; and, finally, that Mr. Mays was a candidate for Commonwealth's attorney in May last, and that as much was known then as now, but no one trought the charge against him.

> AS TO POSIFONEMENT. After the examination of Mr. Bailey, Mr. Riddleberger moved that the election of judge for Botetourt county be postponed until after the Christmas holidays. Messrs. Frazier and Lady made a vigorous fight against it, in which they stuck up for their friend Mays with great firmness. But Mr. Riddleberger asked what would they do if the other side preferred written charges against Mays? Would they be able to carry him through? Wouldn't their party go to pieces? This view made a great impres

In the midst of the discussion Mr. Mays sent in a note asking that the postponemen be made. So it was agreed that the Readusters will to-day vote to defer the election of a judge for Botetourt county until after the Christmas recess.

JUDGES NOMINATED. The following judges were nominated: Carroll-Isaac Webb. Charlotte-A. L. Vanness. Chesterfield-J. M. Gregory. Dinwiddie-R. C. Schell. Essex-Harry Dangerfield. Southampton-E. C. Barrett. Princess Anne-J. M. Keeling, present neumbent.

THE HOUSE DOORKEEPER. After the adjournment of the joint cauis a caucus of the Readjuster members of the House was held. Speaker Lacy was understood to have at his disposition the resignation of the celebrated George Washington Cook (colored), who was elected Doorkeeper over Arthur Sullivan. The matter of selecting his successor was

leferred until after the Christmas holidays [FOR OTHER "LOCAL" SEE FOURTH PAGE.]

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